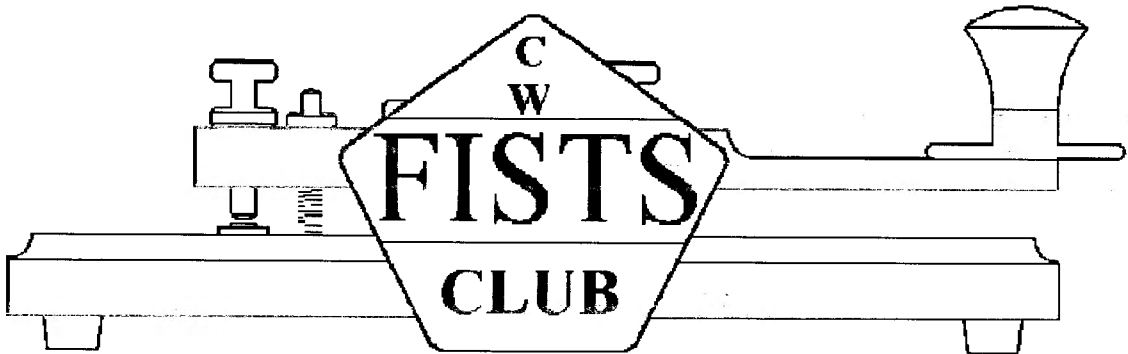


# The Keynote

North American Memo  
Newsletter of FISTS CW Club  
The International Morse Preservation Society



## Our Goals:

- ✕ Further the use of CW
- ✕ Encourage newcomers to use Morse code
- ✕ Engender friendships among members

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WHEN YOU'VE WORKED A FISTS, YOU'VE WORKED A FRIEND

Hi FISTS, Hooray, finally, another Keynote. I bet you all must have thought your subs expired or I had forgotten about FISTS. Nothing could be further from the truth, but it's been one of those summers when "stuff happens". Anything from computer problems, to volunteers needing to 'retire' (which caused me to scramble like crazy to replace them - no easy task!), to finding a new accountant, to family health problems, work problems and just life in general. I didn't even get to go on a DXpedition or a vacation this year, which was disappointing. I had hoped to go somewhere for our G3ZQS FISTS Memorial Straight Key Event and the Get Your Feet

Anyway, there is so much to get caught up on, which is why there is t of new FISTS on the first few pages. Most of these are in the roster, but they were never officially welcomed as a New FIST, so now they are.

*I know it irritates some members to just have the Keynote being lists of callsigns, so I will save the results of the Sprints for the next issue.* Please join me in thanking Dan, N8IE, for all his years of service in managing the Sprints. He had to step down because of family obligations, which is why the results were so late in being tabulated and published (the are on our web page now).

And welcome Gil Woodside, WAILAD, as our new Sprint Manager. Dan has been working closely with Gil to get things squared away, so things should run smoothly now. If you have any questions about the Sprints, logs, results, etc, please contact Gil at the address on the facing page, NOT Dan.

Also included in this issue are the East Asia and Down Under Keynotes. Hopefully we will be able to include the UK Keynote in the next issue. Remember that any mention of dues, supplies, QSL bureau, etc apply to THAT COUNTRY only, and do not apply to us in the Western Hemisphere.

Wet Weekend.

Patty, AF9H

Greg N9WC



Mert WOUFO ; Jack, WB2FXK; Nancy WZ8C; Bill - W2RST; Irene WO8E

Let me know what you've been up to, we always need news for the Keynote. It makes my job a whole lot easier! If it's been a long time and you haven't seen your article in print, please send it again. I've had a couple computer crashes and it wouldn't surprise me if I lost some emails in the process.

### WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE??

After sending out the reminder postcards with this photo on the front, I had many inquiries as to who the people are. There wasn't room on the card for the names, so hope this solves the mystery!!

# Welcome to the New FISTS

Number	Call	Name	State	Sponsor					
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14608	WB4MMW	EDWARD	VA	

## Silent Key

### Jack Kell, K9TKE, 7089

I wanted to pass this so that it can be known to all his old friends among FISTS.

My Grandfather was John E. Kell. Formerly K9TKE. He passed away. September 7, 2009 at 12:15 am. He grew up in a feed store in Oakland City, Indiana. Served in the US Army in WWII as a small arms technical Sergeant (Pacific Theater). Married my Grandmother, Reva Kell (Formerly N9CPH, She became SK last year) about 1941 or 42 while he was in the Army. Following the war he went to College at Oakland City College (Indiana) and earned a Theology degree. He served in the late 1950's as a Missionary to the island of Chi-Chi Jima (near Iwo Jima). When he returned home he pastored numerous small churches in southern Indiana. He also ran a saw sharpening business for many years. He became a ham a a result of knowing some hams and Navy radio personel on Chi Chi.

He began a life-long love of CW. While he also worked AM and RTTY in the 60s and 70s and packet in the 80s,. CW was his main interest. In the late 1980s, CW became his only operating mode. He worked it almost exclusively for years. He favored the the 80, 40, 30, and 20 meter bands.

I have his logs if anyone is missing any confirmations. He was a devoted FISTS member and encouraged me and many others to join. He was my Elmer and Grandfather.

Alzheimers took him off the air a few years ago. When he realized what was happening to him he gave me his favorite key and closed his station.

This week he got his final test score. I am sure he passed.

Thanks. Todd Carpenter, N9YSQ, 11965.

## Silent Key

**Vince Amico, K8LQM, 204.** Vince was born June 4, 1925, in Passiac, N.J. Surviving are his wife, Margaret Kasuba Amico whom he married Oct. 5, 1944; son, Anthony Amico (Susie) of Seattle, Wash.; daughters, Jo Berry (Jack) of Racine, Wis., and Judith Gaida (David) of Oriental, N.C.; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Vince was a member of Triumph of the Cross Catholic Church. He served his country in the Army Air Corps during WWII. Vince was an amateur radio operator, a member of the Amateur Radio Relay League, a volunteer examiner coordinator with ARRL and a member of SWARC, TRISAC and FISTS CW Club.

## Silent Keys

We recently found out that Vernon Rockwell, **KC7QGE, 3819** is a SK as of July 18, 08.

Bill Botko, **WF6W, 3148**

Frank Barnes, **WA5FB, 3691**

Paul Kanninen, **WB2PYU, 4641**

Dave Vest, **KZ4G, 4149**

John Goff, **W6RTO, 4090**

Ken Spalteholz, **K7AO, 4305**

Dick Reed, **K7RRR, 5448**

Chuck Newlin, **W9CSY, 10281**

Richard Swan, **K4FAZ, 4683**

Bob Johnson, **K8CVC, 3324**

Paul Berroyer, **W9HL, 7395**

Ardon Fonda, **AA0IP, 5803**

Duane Bentley, **N0JNS, 12748**

## Dit Dit

By Charlie Trice, K8IJ

At the end of nearly every QSO you'll hear an exchange of "dit dit". Did you ever think about what that means? I bothered a few of my friends to get their thoughts on the subject, wandered around reading on the internet and then added some of my own musings to come up with this list about what the simple "dit dit" at the end of our CW QSOs means:

1. "Dit dit" is more than a simple sign-off or the completion of the old "Shave and a haircut..."
2. "Dit dit" is a unifying thing that says, "We are one with our hobby, especially CW".
3. During a contest, if you tell the station that just called you that they are a dupe, their reply is usually a simple "dit dit" meaning, "Sorry – good luck!"
4. "Dit dit" is a salute from one CW operator to another.
5. "Dit dit" is a universal understanding between CW operators. The folks on SSB don't have anything similar.
6. "Dit dit" can mean, "Thanks and 73".
7. "Dit dit" is a private exchange between 2 CW operators who know the lore and history of amateur radio. It's similar to knowing the difference between "73" and "73's" (only one is correct...) or knowing when to use SK or AR.

If you don't get a thrill out of running contacts in a CW contest, making 2 or 3 QSOs per minute, then I hope you reach that point soon. I absolutely LOVE CW, and it's hard for me to explain to non-CW folks like my XYL. She's just happy that I'm doing something I love to do – she's wonderful!

I'd really like to expand this list with your input on what "dit dit" means to you. Please think about it as you tune the bands and then drop me a note with your thoughts. Vy 73, Charlie, K8IJ

## 20 meter antenna for QRP operation

by Dave Cornell, W9LD, FISTS 6764

Years ago I built the Norcal 20 and 40 meter QRP CW transceivers. I seek out opportunities to take a little radio into the field for portable operation. These efforts were dashed last year, when the manager of the hotel where we were staying rejected my plan to attach dipole ends to the building. After that I resolved to use an antenna that would require no attachments to buildings nor trees. This article shares the result.

Fig. 1 shows the base detail for a 20 meter antenna with a quarter wave vertical radiator made

of aluminum tubing. The figure shows base support, mounting hardware, connections, and four radials going out from the base. The base is not critical in size, but it needs to be heavy enough keep the antenna from tipping over easily. Mine is made from old 4"x4" lumber, and measures 19" on a side. It seems to be heavy enough. Radio Shack clamps mount to 1" lumber and support the vertical tubing. The bottom clamp connects the vertical to the center conductor of 52-ohm coaxial cable via an SO-239/PL-259 socket/plug pair. The coaxial shield is in common with an aluminum angle brace, which secures the lumber base shape. The brace also distributes ground current to two banana connectors, each of which serves a pair of radials.

The antenna is simple to build and adjust. I

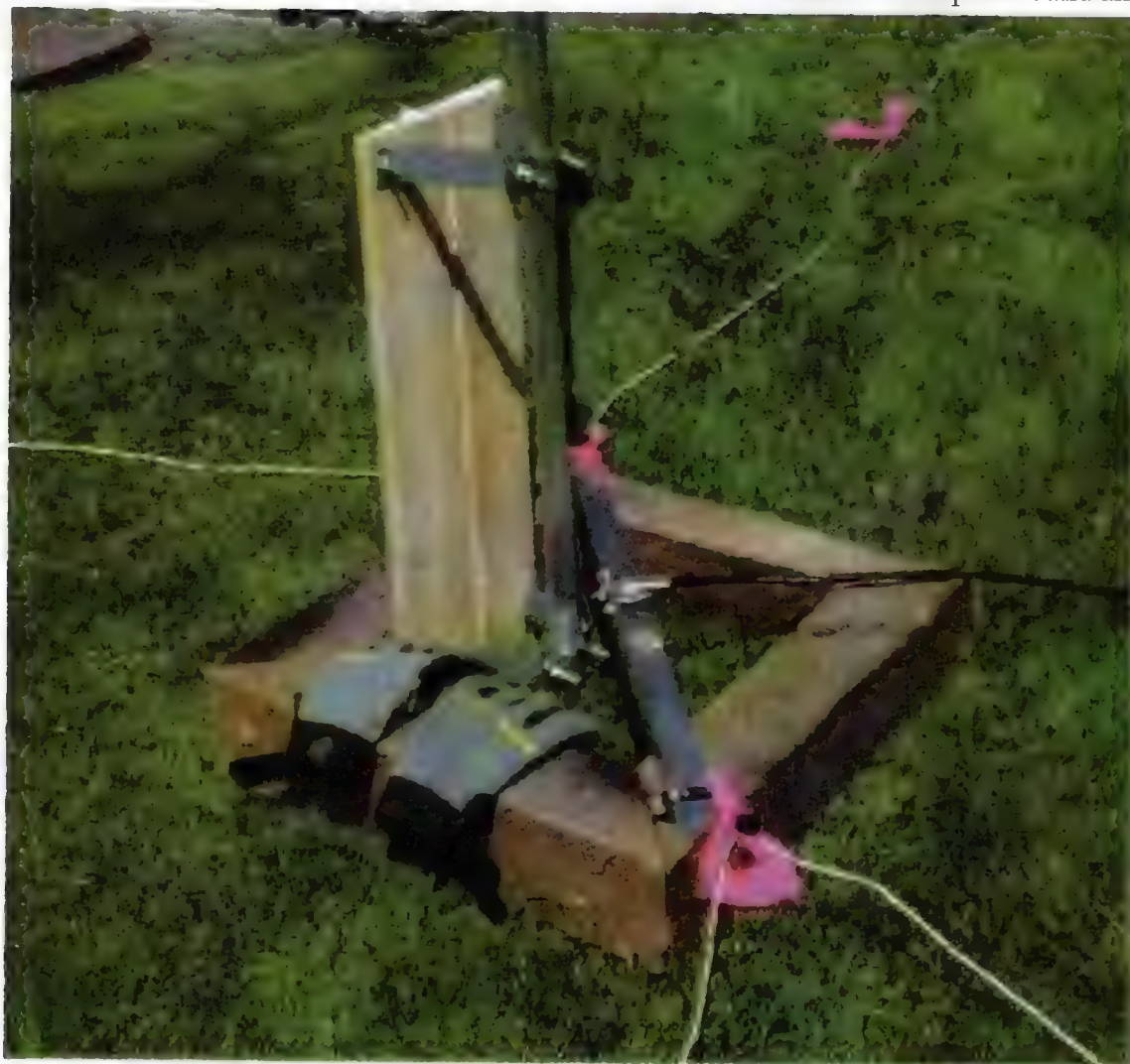


Figure 1

bought an extendable painter's brush handle at Ace Hardware. The painter's extension extends in two sections to almost 12 feet in length. The tubing is coated with sizing which is electrically insulating. To assure good conductivity in as an antenna, the insulation must be defeated at the top and bottom of the extension sections. At the very bottom, scrape the first two inches with sandpaper to assure contact at the clamp. At the joint between the two tubing sections, drill a hole and insert a stainless sheet metal screw for good contact.

To provide a full quarter wave, insert a 6' piece of aluminum tubing at the top, small enough to telescope inside the painter's extension. Secure the extra tubing by drilling and inserting another stainless sheet metal screw to fasten the extra piece to the painter's tubing. You should now have a conducting aluminum vertical that is 17' long or more. Make radials of any wire that is flexible and readily available. I used stranded and insulated #14 wire from Ace Hardware. Trim the radials to about 17' length to begin with and connect them in pairs to a single banana plug for insertion into the two banana jacks that have been grounded to the aluminum base brace.

Adjustment is most easily done with a variable frequency impedance bridge like the MFJ 259B. You will find that the antenna shows minimum SWR (resonance) at a frequency well below 14.0 MHz. Trim the tubing length (with a hack saw) by an inch to see how much the frequency of minimum SWR rises. Then decide how much more to cut off to move the resonance frequency half way to the desired resonance frequency (say 14.058 Mhz.) Verify the result of your cut, and then trim the same amount from all of your radials. This should bring your frequency of resonance close to the desired point. Trim further if you feel the need. Using this process my antenna shows SWR of 1.0 near 14.050 MHz.

How does this antenna work? I just finished it two weeks ago, and recently took it to the San Juan Islands in the back of the car. (The vertical section collapses to six feet, removes from the base, and fits neatly inside our Toyota Prius.) I set up up the antenna by a tidewater basin, and used the QRP radio shown in Fig. 2. Calling KH6, VE3, and W5. I worked each one in a half hour time span.



## Larry's New Bug

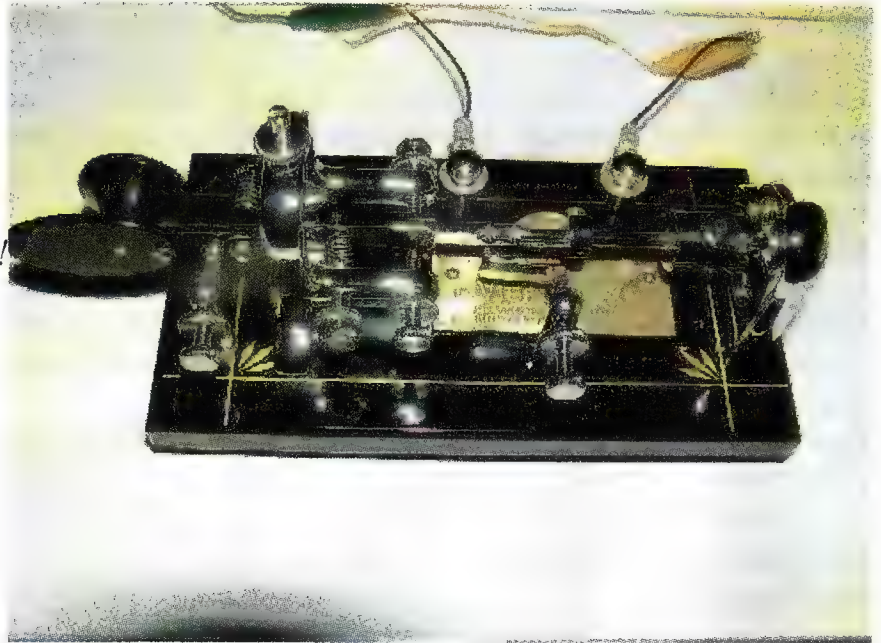
I bought a bug from vibroplex, a left handed bug by the way, and will get it on the air as soon as I practice awhile so i don't sound like a lid, ha.

I decided to go back to the bug because I can use it with the straight key guys and also the paddle guys and don't have to plug and unplug keys.

Just turned 70 this month and still make three or four CW contacts a week on HF with my paddles or straight key.

73 de K5JYD Larry

*That's a beauty, Larry,  
thanks for sharing it with us!*



## Patrick's Edisto Key



My wife and I went to Edisto Beach, SC about three months ago.

I brought my six meter radio along hoping to catch some T.E. Propagation.

I realized that I forgot my Morse Code Key.

So this is the picture of the key that I made.  
It works quite well.

I call it THE EDISTO KEY!!

Patrick SomersKD3WN Fists # 5667.

## It's Like Getting Hit On The Head With A Hammer Phil Arcuri – K2NPN

A few years ago, the FCC eliminated Morse code from their amateur radio exams. They also allowed digital activity to occupy the once CW only band segments.

Morse code is legal in all bands covered by the operators' class of license, with the exception of the new 60-meter band. (*see 97.305*) Historically, CW operators have mostly communicated within the confines of the "CW only bands".

Presently, newer hams have no knowledge of Morse. As you know, the polite and common procedure for checking for a calm or unused frequency is to send out two or three "QRLs" followed by a question mark in Morse. "QRL?" simply means, "Is this frequency in use?"

Several times I have been engaged in an interesting conversation using Morse code. All of a sudden a wide banded, loud RTTY transmission appears directly on top of our frequency. How are we supposed to tell this RTTY operator that he/she is interfering with an on going QSO? I know the RTTY operator can hear our signals. The operator either does not care or he/she has no knowledge of Morse code. Why would the FCC allow any operator to share the CW bands without the skill of copying code? There is no way these two modes can communicate with each other. RTTY and other digital modes do not belong in the CW sub bands.

On February 14, 2009 the CW FISTS Club had its annual Winter Sprint Contest. I found it very difficult to copy or work any CW contesting stations. Radio teletype stations were ignoring our communications and they were all over the 40 and 20 meter CW segment of the bands.

It does not make any sense to mix a band full of CW operators with operators that cannot copy code. I find it very frustrating as a CW operator. I feel that we should work together and strive for CW only segments and separate digital segments on all of our bands.

## Navy Knob and Skirt Opinions Wanted

Would very much appreciate your input . . .

I'd like to purchase a different style **Navy knob** (and **skirt**) for my GHD **GT501M** straight key. But *which* one?

Although I own a Nye Viking Master Key and a Bencher RJ-2, the Navy knob and skirt that comes with the Kent KT-1 *REALLY* "did it" for me.

How do I know? A friend sent me his brand-spankin'-new Kent KT-1 Professional (with heavy steel base) to retrofit with a new cable and connector. Its knob and skirt simply felt *right*.. BTW — That's one incredible straight key!!!

Okay. Back to the question: · Which **one of the Navy knobs shown in the attached folder would you recommend, based upon personal experience?**

Thanks in advance! 73, -Clive, **AA6TZ**

*Nancy Note: Clive included about a dozen zipped pages of Navy knobs and skirts and I can't save/cut/paste them all into The Keynote -- well, technically, I could, but it would take a couple hours and I'm in a hurry to get this to the printer and most of us know what Navy knobs and skirts look like.*

*So, which knobs that you've tried are your favorite? Can't Kent sell you just the knob and skirt you liked and you can retrofit it onto the GHD? I think Marshall Emm sells both keys at his <http://www.morsexpress.com> site, perhaps he can be of some help, too.*

*One person's favorite knob is not necessarily going to "do it" for another person, too, keep in mind.*

*If you want to send your opinion on this for an upcoming Keynote, pse send it to me at [nancy@tir.com](mailto:nancy@tir.com) - or you can contact Clive directly at [clivemmorel@dslextrreme.com](mailto:clivemmorel@dslextrreme.com)*

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***Further the use of Morse code.***

***Engender friendships among members.***

***Encourage newcomers to use Morse code.***

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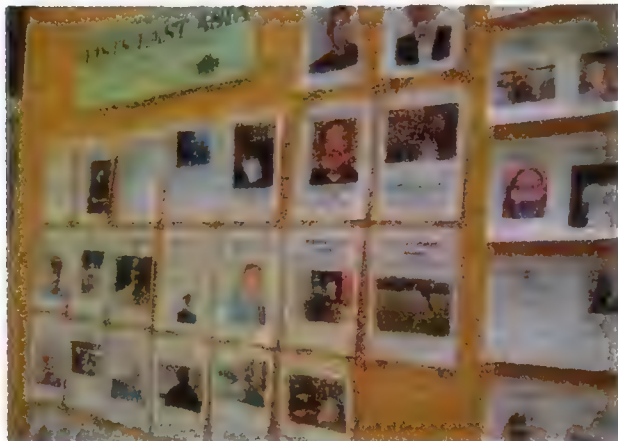
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## Ham Fair Photos

Hoz, JL1IRB #15030

*Japan Ham Fair was held on August 23 and 24. These are some photos at FEA booth. -- Ed.*



These messages were much helpful because we had no any good preparation



Leo, JJ8KGZ (L) and Masumi, JA3AVO talking something.



Sugi, JK7UST explaining something.



Sugi is acting a key-control of FEA-NET.



Manabu, JE1RZR who is between Masa, JJ1ZW (L) and Sugi, JK7UST (R) explaining something to a guest



Rie, JN1XLV calling a net controller.

## Ham Fair Night

**Manabu, JE1RZR #15020**

It's a great fun to talk to good fellows drinking something without any QRM, and it's must be common all over the world. Yes, we totally enjoyed a small party after 1st day of the Hamfest. Gathered more than 15 FISTS from almost all part of Japan and had a nice chat till midnight.



Then some of member continued their session at Karaoke bar changing their key into microphone!



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## FISTS Is Great for International Friendship

**Nao, JO3HPM #15008**

Hoz, JL1IRB #15030 had been worried about how he would display a booth wall of FISTS at Japan Ham Fair. I proposed a plan to put photos and messages from members around the world on the wall. This was an idea someone proposed previously, but had never carried out. It was 3 days before the ham fair. Soon, I sent an email to known members. Ralph, ZL2AOH #1073 who is an administrator of FISTS Down Under was the first man to reply me. He kindly forwarded my email to other members. In addition to him, Nancy, WZ8C who is an administrator of FISTS North America also forwarded to NA member mailing list. Thanks to them, finally I received 46 photos and messages. How all photos smile friendly! These appealed our international activity well at the booth and made many hams stop in front of us. I strongly felt FISTS is great for international friendship. On behalf of the Japanese FISTS, I would like to thank you to all those who send me. We hope to see you on the air.

## An Old Fists Visits Japan

Dave, G3KMG #124

When Geo, G3ZQS, operating with the club call, G0IPX, invited me (or rather bullied me – Geo could be very forceful!) to join Fists on 24th December 1987 during an 80m QSO, little did I realise how it would change my amateur radio life! It turned out to be a wonderful Christmas present. I had, for many years, been a member of the TOPS CW Club. It was not an elitist club, but one which encouraged friendship among CW operators. As well as making radio friends all over the UK, it helped to make lots of personal contacts. Sadly TOPS faded away. Hopefully this new club would be a replacement! Fists has proved to be more than this and now with a world wide membership this has enabled me to visit, for example, several Fists on trips to New Zealand as well as Fists in other countries.

One of our ZL friends is Ralph, ZL2AOH. On learning that xyl Rita and myself had booked a spring Japanese Garden tour he immediately started to organise his Fists friends in Japan. We booked an extra four days in Tokyo before the start of the organised tour to help us get over jet lag and to give us a chance to see more of Tokyo than we would on the tour. We were very glad we did as this gave us the chance to meet Manabu, JE1RZR, and Mack, JE1CLH.

Manabu met us Tokyo and we spent a very enjoyable Saturday morning with him. He had planned to show me 'Electronics City', but we guessed Rita wouldn't find this much fun so we settled on the Palace Garden.. We naturally talked a lot of radio as well as about life in Japan while touring the garden. It was particularly interesting to hear about his experiences in Uzbekistan. In the garden we came across men in "skirts" – actually two of our near neighbours from GM wearing their national dress – the sporran and kilt. Manabu found this fascinating so I persuaded them to pose for a photo.



Manabu JE1RZR with two Scotsmen

We would have loved to have spent more time with Manabu, but we had another appointment back at our hotel. We were being visited by an old Japanese couple we met on holiday in Sardinia some years previously. We had kept in touch so it was a great delight to meet them again. We were especially grateful to Manabu for taking the trouble to meet us as we learnt he had to make a two hour train journey to do so!

The next morning Mack drove to our hotel to pick us up to take us to his QTH. We had suggested we get the train, but Mack said it would be too complicated for us. An added bonus was that Mack was accompanied by his friend Jonathon, KC7FYS. Jonathon is a keen QRP operator and homebrewer. Like Manabu, has operated from exotic locations and had some tales to tell!

We had a wonderful Japanese welcome to Mack's home in the countryside. He has classical Japanese house furnished just as you would imagine.



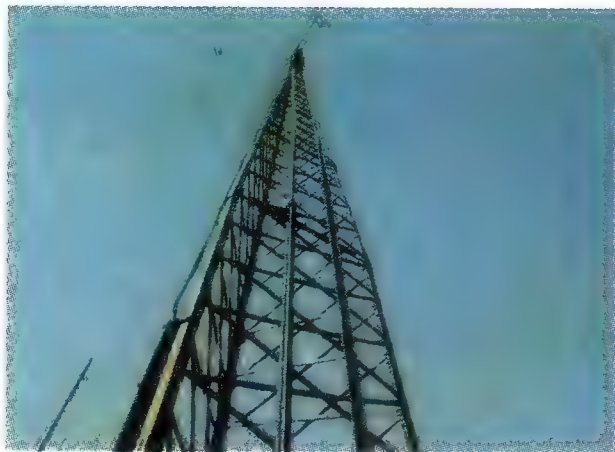
Enjoying the tea ceremony



Mack's office and shack – and beam!



David G3KMG, xyl Rita, Mack JE1CLH



Rotator and beam assembly winched up on  
"railway lines"!



Jonathon and Mack with friends – the temple priest and his wife.

We shared a special service for Jonathon in the temple on his return to home in the USA

As well as visiting the temple, Mack gave us a tour of the nearby mountainous scenery with a proper Japanese lunch in a country restaurant. On our return it was sked time with Ralph, ZL2AOH. It was great to have my first QSO with him this year. 20m was a lot quieter than back home with all the strong European stations. This was an unforgettable day well off the tourist trail and made possible by the world wide friendship of amateur radio – and Fists!

The next day we joined our tour group and our Japanese Gardens Tour began. The weather was kind, the gardens were better than expected and the famous Japanese cherry blossom was at its best everywhere we went. It wasn't all gardens. We enjoyed visiting great cities and we went right up into mountains which were just like the Alps with lots of snow still lying on the peaks. One disappointment was that our tour schedule did not allow a meeting with Yoshiro JL3SIK/K2JA, when in Kyoto.

Our tour ended only too soon leaving us with memories of a friendly and helpful people living in a safe, very clean country with a fascinating history and culture.

On our return I have been delighted to be able to 'tail end' Mack and Ralph's Sunday sked on with solid QSO's on several occasions over the past few weeks. This is despite the current poor propagation conditions, but of course having QRO and beams at both ends does help! Ralph doesn't have QRO or a beam, but he does have a very high dipole which does an amazing job.

Like every HF operator I am hoping for the belated sun spots to appear soon so I can contact other JA Fists.

## **Tone generators and hand made keys by kids**

**Nao, JO3HPM #15008**

Japanese pupils have a summer break of about 40 days during July and August. My 11 years old daughter, 9 years old son, and two of their friends tried to make a tone generator and a hand made key during the break.

I prepared breadboards, NE555 Timer ICs, and other parts. They made their circuit well and tried how it works using my HI MOUND HK-702 straight key. I explained Morse code passing them a code chart.

Next day, they went to a 100 yen store to find goods to make their key. My daughter selected a muddler and a chopstick rest. My son selected a stapler and his friend selected a cake tongs.

I hope they keep interest in Morse code and will get a real key in future.



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## **New Members**

**Harry, JL3AMK #15002**

**Dan, 7J1ABD also WA6URY #15068** joined at Ham Fair. **Taka, JF1DKB #15069** joined on September 7.

## FEA CW Net Results: No. 237 to 240

Nao, JO3HPM #15008

No.	Y/M/D	GMT	MHz	Controller	Participant
245-2	2009/8/30	0800-0845	14.054	JE1RZR(Manabu)	JO3HPM(Nao), JE1TRV(Atsu), JK7UST(Sugi), 7J1ATG/6(George)
245-1	2009/8/29	2300-0000	7.0265	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JO3HPM(Nao), JP1BJB(Aki), JE1RZR(Manabu), JG0SXC(Man)
244-2	2009/8/23	0800-083	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	none
244-1	2009/8/23	0200-0255	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JK1TCV(Kazu), JJ1IZW(Masa), JQ1BWT(Jun), 7K1CPT(yama), JE1RZR(Manabu), JA8UUM(Masa), JJ8KGZ(Leo), JQ2SFZ(Isao), JN1XLV(Rie), JL1IRB(Hoz) @ Ham fair
243-2	2009/8/16	0800-0900	14.055	JE1RZR(Manabu)	VK4TJ(John), SWL:[JO3HPM(Nao), JL3AMK(Harry), BD7KBH(Xie), JK7UST(Sugi)]
243-1	2009/8/15	2300-2355	7.0266	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JE1RZR(Manabu), JO3HPM(Nao), JP1BJB(Aki), JF3KNW(Nobu)
242-2	2009/8/9	0800-0848	14.054 &7.113	JE1RZR(Manabu)	JO3HPM(Nao)
242-1	2009/8/8	2300-2345	7.0275	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JE1TRV(Atsu), JQ2SFZ(Isao), JO3HPM(Nao)
241-2	2009/8/2	0800-0900	14.054 &7.113 &10.115	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John), JE1RZR(Manabu)
241-1	2009/8/1	2300-2350	7.002	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JO3HPM(Nao), JP1BJB(Aki), JE1RZR(Manabu)

#243-2: I'm very sorry but I lost my consciousness COMPLETELY after CQ net for several times. I remember John answered my CQ but don't remember I surely replied it or in a dream only... -- Manabu, JE1RZR #15020

## FEA QSL Bureau

Harry, JL3AMK #15002

Some members have QSL cards but not transferred yet because I don't have stamps and envelopes for them. You can find the latest information at <<http://www.feacw.net/mbr/fea-list.cgi?list,ql,nr>>. There are two ways that you receive QSL cards forwarded by FEA QSL Bureau.

1) PayPal <<http://www.paypal.com/>>

150 JPY (JA) or 1.5 USD (non-JA) for once, 600 JPY or 6 USD for five times.

To (Email): [jl3amk\(a\)fists-ea.org](mailto:jl3amk(a)fists-ea.org) --- please replace (a) with @

Amount: 150 JPY or 600 JPY (JA) / 1.5 USD or 6 USD (non-JA)

Send money for: Services/Others

Email to recipient (optional):

Subject: FEA QSL BURO FEE

Message: (Please write your fullname, mailing address, e-mail address, callsign and FISTS#)

2) SASE

80JPY stamp (JA) or 1 IRC (non-JA) per 1 envelope needed.

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**See You Next Month!**



# **FISTS DOWN UNDER**

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### **SUGGESTED FISTS CLUB CALLING FREQUENCIES**

1.808 MHz (160m) – 3.528 MHz (80m) – 7.028 MHz (40m) – 10.118 MHz (30m) -  
14.058 MHz (20m) - 18.085 MHz (17m) – 21.058 MHz (15m) – 24.918 MHz (12m) – 28.058 MHz (10m)

Members are reminded that the above frequencies are suggested calling frequencies. If they are busy, it is suggested that once you establish contact with a station, it may be prudent to change frequency down the band, avoiding other calling frequencies of known clubs.

### **NEW MEMBER**

We welcome to FISTS Down Under **VK2FJSE-John Edwards #14111** our latest member. John lives in Ryde, one of Sydney's North Shore suburbs. John says "I am currently a member of WIA and hold a Foundation Class Amateur Radio Licence (and hope to upgrade soon to an Advanced License). - I am predominantly interested in CW and look forward to getting my CW skills up to speed so as to join other FIST members.

### **DOWN UNDER MEMBERS' NEWS**

Thanks to **VK4BUI-Les #9617**, **ZL4AT-Alan #9074**, **VK3CGB-Chris #9087**, **VK4IM-Adam #9619** and **ZL2APO-Peter #9060** for their donations when renewing their subscriptions.

### **Australian 137 kHz beacon on-the-air. (Thanks to WIA news)**

**VK3XU-Drew #9629** is operating a CW beacon on 137.4 kHz every Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evening.

Drew has activated a 50-watt transmitter into an inverted wire antenna from Wonga Park.

He would like to receive signal reports, they can be sent to his email address: **vk3xu@wia.org.au** - Provide date, time, signal strength and grid locator (e.g. QF22ml).

Due to the very low antenna efficiencies at this frequency, Drew estimates his effective radiated power is 6 milliwatt. His signal has been heard in Melbourne, Sale and Sydney.

### **TRAWLING THE INTERNET**

See and hear Donald Duck's Morse sending mail box at **www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPsyioVsau8**

View some admirable and expensive Italian keys and paddles at **www.i2rtf.com/html/keys\_paddles.html**

See lots more Morse keys of all types at **www.morsemad.com**

And don't forget to visit our own new web site at **www.fistsdownunder.org** - Don't forget to tell us what you think; your comments, criticisms and contributions are all welcome.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

These are some of the contest/event offerings in October 2009:- Per favour of SM3CER

EU Autumn Sprint, CW	1600Z-1959Z, Oct 10
FISTS Fall Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 10
Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 19
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z, Oct 24 to 2359Z, Oct 25

**FORTHCOMING AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND CONTESTS**

**2009 OCEANIA CONTEST** ±All band CW Contest - 08:00Z 10 October 2009 to 08:00 Z 11 October 2009

Updated Contest Rules and other operating information is available from the contest website -

**www.oceaniadxcontest.com**

**2009 NZART STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT** 1 November 2009 08:00-11:00 UTC 80m CW For this event, refer to the NZART contests website: **www/nzart.org.nz/contests**

**VK MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE****CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

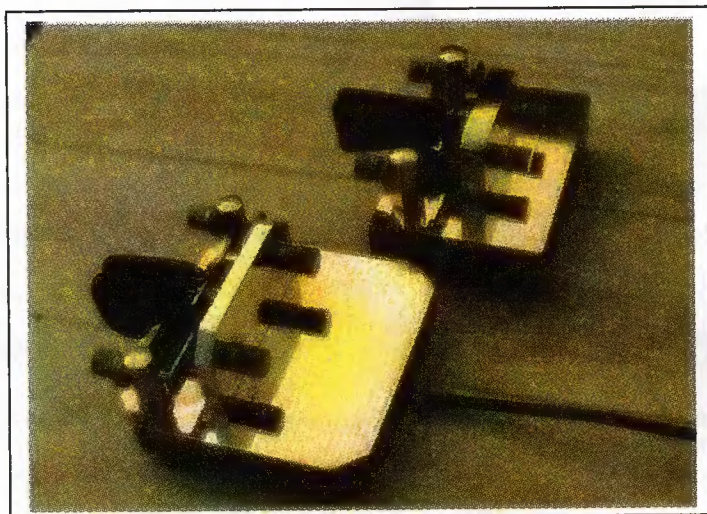
The Newsletter Distribution and QSL Manager for Australia has recently moved from Wellington N.S.W. back to his old QTH in Old Toongabbie N.S.W. All correspondence should be forwarded to his new address below: -

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**PAIR OF KEYS**

Somebody sent the above photograph of a pair of Electronic Keyers to the Editor who is now not able to identify them. In order that I can label them with the owners call sign, and a brief history of who made them - please contact me ±address in header.

It is the intention that these two keyers together with other Morse Keys owned by members will be placed on the new FISTS Down Under Website in the near future. Several members are known to collect keys. Photographs of your collections would be appreciated ±Ed

## **HOW DO I...Info on How to do just about anything related to FISTS**

**HOW DO I GET A NUMBER FOR MY CLUB?** Clubs with FCC call signs may have FISTS number at no charge if there is at least one FISTS member in good standing in the local club. These clubs are not legally affiliated with FISTS, nor does FISTS have anything to do with how the club is run, etc. It just means the club has a FISTS number worth three points toward awards. If the club wants a newsletter, there is a \$15 a year charge. If they want an award certificate there is a \$3 charge for costs.

**HOW DO I KNOW WHEN TO RENEW?** Your renewal date is on your mailing label - please look at it!  
**HOW DO I RENEW?** Send \$15/year or \$10/year for college students (under 17 and family members are free) to FISTS, P. O. Box 47, Hadley, MI 48440. or to Paypal using the email address [fists@tir.com](mailto:fists@tir.com). Put RENEWAL in the comments section.

**HOW DO I UPDATE MY ADDRESS or CALL SIGN ON THE FISTS DATABASE?** Send corrections or changes to Nancy WZ8C, at FISTS, P. O. Box 47, Hadley, MI 48440. Also send new labels to the FISTS QSL Bureau so the bureau workers don't have to change all your SASEs by hand.

**HOW DO I ORDER CLUB SUPPLIES?** Irene W08E (44609 N. Bunker Hill Dr., Clinton Twp, MI 48038) has; Metallic Gold logo stickers, 200 for \$3.50...I "red heart graphic" CW Stickers, 3/4 inch round stickers, \$3.50 for 200...Blue enamel cloisonne/gold metal "FISTS CW CLUB" logo pin, with tie-tack type pin back 1" x 1 1/8" octagon \$1.50...White enamel cloisonne pin "I (red heart graphic) CW" and "FISTS CW CLUB" along edge. 3/4" diameter circle and tie-tack type pin on back \$1.50. Embroidered Cloth patch of our key logo, \$1.00 each (The cloth patches can be sewn or ironed on) Please make checks out to FISTS. ALL PRICES INCLUDE POSTAGE. PAYPAL TO FISTS@TIR.COM

**HOW DO I GET FISTS SHIRTS?** Show the world that you are proud to KNOW CODE by wearing an "I'm PROUD to be a KNOW CODE Ham" T-shirt and sweatshirt or a FISTS logo polo shirt. The front of the t-shirts and sweatshirts are printed in silver with I'm PROUD to be a KNOW CODE Ham and the backs of the shirts are printed in light blue with the FISTS key logo graphic and Join the Code Crusade. The T-shirts are available in two solid colors: black or medium blue. Sweatshirts are gray with royal blue printing on the front and back. The polo/golf shirts are sky blue with the FISTS key tastefully EMBROIDERED on the top left side. They are short sleeved and have a knit collar and have a couple buttons at the neck.. Prices are: T-shirts = \$5.00 PLUS POSTAGE Sweats = \$10.00 PLUS POSTAGE. Polos = \$14.00 PLUS POSTAGE To figure postage for USA addresses: First (or only) T-shirt or polo shirt, add \$2.50 Additional T-shirts or polo shirts, add another \$1.00 each First (or only) sweatshirt, add \$4.00 Additional sweatshirts, add another \$2.00. For DX orders, please contact [nancy@tir.com](mailto:nancy@tir.com) for correct postage. The email address to use for Paypal is [fists@tir.com](mailto:fists@tir.com). In the "comments" box of the Paypal form, please be specific about what you are ordering, since this info will be used to fill your order. To order by mail, send your order (don't forget to include what color tshirt you want, and the size!) to: Nancy Kott WZ8C PO Box 47 Hadley MI 48440, Checks payable to FISTS. Paypal to [fists@tir.com](mailto:fists@tir.com)

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